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PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1897.

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## A GOOD CITIZEN GONE.

Death of Mr. W. H. Brian Last Night.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISMISSED.

Was One of Paducah's Most Prominent and Respected Citizens. —Preparations for the Funeral.

PROMINENT K. O. F. MEN TO ATTEND.

Mr. W. H. Brian died at 10:30 o'clock last night at his residence on Monroe street near Fifth, after an illness of several weeks. The news of his death, while it did not create great surprise, occasioned much sorrow throughout the city, where he bore the name of one of the most enterprising and honorable citizens of Paducah.

Dissolution came as a relief to the patient sufferer, who was in his last hours surrounded by family and friends. All day yesterday he had been sinking slowly, but life was despaired of as early as a week ago.

The deceased was one of Paducah's oldest and most prominent citizens. He was kind, benevolent and public spirited, and had lived a good, moral life. He stood high among the lodges, and for seventeen years had been secretary of the Board of Education, always being elected without opposition. He loved the schools and always did everything to promote their welfare, and to increase their progress and growth.

Mr. Brian was 55 years old, having been born in Monroe county in 1842. He entered the Confederate army at the age of nineteen, being a member of Col. Alfred Johnson's Third Kentucky, and was engaged in several important battles, including Shiloh, Corinth and Vicksburg. In 1865 he was paroled, and in 1866 came to Paducah in a new suit of gray jeans, and found employment with Kay & Sheerer, where he remained for two years. He then went with the Harris store, and he and Mr. J. M. Ezell and Mr. Max Hecht buying out the concern in 1874. In 1891 he and Mr. Ezell purchased Mr. Hecht's interest, and since have been sole proprietors, enjoying a large and prosperous patronage.

The deceased was a son of Dr. J. H. H. Brian, and lived in Marshall county from 1843 until the war. He was a member of the First Christian church, and of the I. O. O. F. and K. of H.

Mr. Brian was married in Marshall county in 1869 to Miss Bettie Lockyer, who survives him, together with one daughter, Mrs. Bettie Bain, and many relatives in this and Marshall county.

The public schools were dismissed this morning, in respect to the deceased, until Thursday morning.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the school board is meeting in called session to pass resolutions, and to make arrangements to attend the funeral in a body. The chamber in the city hall will likely be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon the teachers of the public schools will meet, in pursuance of a call from Superintendent McBroome, and arrange to attend the funeral.

The deceased was a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Confederate Veterans, and representatives of all the lodges of which he was a member will attend the funeral in a body, and some of the prominent Knights of Honor officers will arrive tomorrow to assist in the ceremonies.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the First Christian church; services by Rev. W. H. Plunkett. The interment will be under the auspices of the Knights of Honor, at Oak Grove.

As Grand Dictator of the Kentucky K. of H., Mr. Brian is succeeded by Mr. Andrew Offutt, Vice Grand Dictator, of Louisville. He is expected to attend the funeral, also Mr. A. J. Hess, Grand Reporter, of Lebanon, Mr. J. T. Funk, of Louisville, past grand dictator, and Mr. W. B. Fleming, of Louisville, chairman of the committee on laws.

## ALLEGED SLANDER.

Precipitates a Bloody Difficulty in the County.

Surveyor Wren Warranted for Maliciously Assaulting W. E. Donnell.

Quite a sensation has been created in the county over an assault made a day or two ago by County Surveyor Wren on W. E. Donnell, an event far from pleasant.

Yesterday Donnell came excitedly to the city, covered with bruises, with a large gash cut across his scalp. He was very much worried up, and when he found County Attorney Houser reported that Wren had been caught out of talking about his (Wren's) wife, and had assaulted him with an iron bucket. In addition to the wound on the head,

## IMPROVING

Somewhat is the Yellow Fever Situation.

TODAY'S RECORD OF NEW CASES

Better Situation at Edwards, Though Several New Cases.

NEW ORLEANS IN BETTER SHAPE.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Ten new cases today of yellow fever and no deaths.

Bloxi, Miss., Sept. 28.—One death from yellow fever here today.

Edwards, Miss., Sept. 28.—Ten new cases of yellow fever here today. The patients are all improving and the situation is better.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Warmer weather in the past two or three days has had the effect of increasing to some extent the number of new cases of the prevailing type of yellow fever, but it has really had the effect of sending down the death rate. There were twenty-three cases on Saturday, seventeen Sunday, and up to half past 6 o'clock yesterday twenty-one cases. But there were only two deaths on Saturday, none on Sunday and two yesterday. Present experience, therefore, proves that warm weather adds to the number of cases, but reduces the mortality, while cold weather diminishes the number of cases and enlarges the death rate.

Physicians and the authorities last night generally agreed that the situation was steadily improving. They believe that the chances are growing more remote every day of an epidemic, and that there is little likelihood that the disease will assume, before cold weather, a much more virulent form than at present. Says Dr. Edmunds Souther, one of the leading physicians here: "Before yellow fever can be declared epidemic in New Orleans there must be more cases of this disease than of all others combined. The death rate does not determine whether or not the pestilence is epidemic. It only determines the grade, as to whether the disease is mild, severe or very severe. The average death rate during an epidemic is 20 per cent. Now, in addition to the numerous favorable conditions that surround the present introduction of fever, there is another and this is the greatest of all: it is the fact that the medical profession now understand the treatment of the disease far better than in the old days. This will contribute greatly to diminish the serious character of the disease, for we understand the principles of treatment now infinitely better than we did before."

MOBILE'S HOPEFUL REPORT

One Death, and Only Three New Cases Reported.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 27.—The yellow fever report for Monday has greatly revived the spirits of the people here. They accept it as indicating that the energetic efforts to surround the disease and stamp it out are meeting success. There are three new cases reported.

The only death reported was that of Florence Barlow, aged 23 years. She lived on Elmira street near Lomb. A peculiarly sad feature of her case was that she was engaged to be married last month, and during her illness even not permitted to see her betrothed. The funeral, the regulations being so strict that none outside the physicians, clergy and undertaker, may approach fever cases.

The immediate cause of Father Murray's death on Friday is said to be his own imprudence. During the momentary absence of the nurse he got up and drank a pitcher of ice water, and immediately had a severe chill. Death followed quickly.

MAYOR OF EDWARDS

STRICKEN.

Eleven Other New Cases Reported in the Town.

Edwards, Miss., Sept. 28.—Eleven cases of yellow fever reported yesterday.

The mayor, J. H. Raliff, was taken down with the fever yesterday morning and when the fact became known a feeling of regret and sadness pervaded the whole community. His energetic efforts in behalf of the people of this stricken place have been constantly enduring.

Many of the sick in town are so seriously ill as to cause great anxiety to their relatives and friends. The restlessness in the temperature—not days and cool nights—are factors in this. Owing to the illness of the Mayor and several of the councilmen, the city council will hold a session today when there will be a reorganization of the relief committee and the appointment of a chairman to take the place of the Mayor who has been made.

Any mail sent via Vicksburg will reach Edwards, as special trains are running almost daily.

Old Female Institute Sold.

Jackson, Tenn., Sept. 28.—A sale in the ownership and presidency of the Memphis Conference Female Institute took place yesterday.

Dr. Howard W. Key, son of Bishop J. S. Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sold the institution to Dr. A. B. Jones, of Talladega, Ala., and Prof. George C. Jones, president of Arkadelphia, Ark., Female College. Dr. Jones, who is one of the leading educators of the South, will assume control tomorrow.

DEATH SENTENCES REVERSED

The Court of Appeals Acts on Two Cases.

Frankfort, Sept. 28.—The court of appeals today reversed the death sentences of Chas. Taylor, of Fayette county, and Clarence Vinegar, of Scott county.

IS SHE ALIVE.

Claimed That Mrs. Luetgert is in Wyoming.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The defense in the Luetgert case claim that Mrs. Luetgert is alive and in Wyoming.

BAILEY AND PARKER.

Debate the Political Issues Before a Big Crowd at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Ky., Sept. 28.—Hon. James C. Bailey and Joe A. Parker, Republican and Populist nominees for clerk of the court of appeals, held a joint debate yesterday at the court-house before a large and attentive audience. Mr. Bailey made a good speech from his standpoint. Mr. Parker said Shackelford ought to be here defending the cause as he was doing. He said he was a follower of Bryan and was a Populist. He said there was forty cents bullion in a dollar and sixty cents flat and why not make it all flat and issue paper money?

PRESIDENT'S DRIVE INTERRUPTED.

The Horses Stumbled and He Leaped for Safety.

Adams, Mass., Sept. 28.—President McKinley and Attorney General McKenna joined Mr. Plunkett in an hour's drive about town yesterday. During the ride a slight mishap occurred. As they were passing along Summer street a strap broke and the collar on one of the horses fell off. The animal tripped and the other became frightened, but the coolness of the driver prevented a serious accident. The president jumped out of the carriage and the others followed.

NEWS NOTES.

Deputy Warden Neat, of the Frankfort penitentiary, has resigned to run for Congress in the Eleventh district.

About 200 acres of bluegrass meadow near Lexington were burned over by a fire starting from locomotive sparks.

The silverites of Henderson and Union counties nominated J. T. Wilson, of Henderson, for State Senator.

State Department officials regard a dispute between the United States and Spain in consequence of Minister Woodford's recent representations, as only a remote possibility.

Rudolf McNery, nephew of Senator McNery, of Louisiana, was shot and fatally wounded while leading a party in pursuit of a negro who had assaulted a white girl.

Southern Indiana is suffering severely from the drouth. Fields are burning up, trees are dying and water-courses have dried up. Fires break out easily in fields and forests.

A serious forest fire has burned over several square miles in Woodford county, and farm houses are in danger. No rain has fallen there since July 1.

John Boecker, a farmer living near Carroll, Iowa, shot his wife and six children and then killed himself. All are dead except one child, who is dying. Boecker is believed to have been insane.

The allied silver organizations in Greater New York, calling themselves the "United Democracy," nominated Henry George for mayor. Gen. Tracy was nominated by the Republicans.

A treasury official says that if Collector Yandell and Deputy Collector Frank want to change places at Owensboro the scheme is not likely to meet with objections in the department.

This is the date set by the new operation law upon which the provisions of that law shall become applicable to all corporations, and all provisions of charters and articles of incorporation in conflict with the new law are repealed.

The receiver of the Kentucky Life and Accident Company has filed a report, securing the management of that now defunct company for loose methods and for lack of regard for the interests of the policy holders.

Boston defeated Baltimore yesterday in the decisive game for the league championship. The real fight will not be over, however, until the last day of the season. Other league games yesterday resulted as follows: Washington 6, New York 1; Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 4; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4.

Under the new constitution all local and special acts under which local option has been exercised by counties and towns in Kentucky against the sale of intoxicating liquors expire, with the effect of removing prohibition in many counties and towns where no election has been held under the general local option law passed since the adoption of the new constitution.

MR. M. M. CONNOR

Died Today in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Had Gone There to Visit.—Leaves Several Children.

News of the death of Mr. "Dick" Connor, one of the oldest and best known citizens Paducah, reached the city this morning.

Mr. Connor died in Mayfield last night, where he was taken Sunday to be with his daughter. He was ill when he left here, and had been sick for several days from malaria, and general debility.

The deceased was about 65. He had been a resident of Paducah for many years, and there were few better known men here. He was one of the few survivors of the Mexican war in southwestern Kentucky, but did not serve in the civil war.

He leaves three daughters and one son to mourn his loss, namely: His daughters are Mrs. Church, of Mayfield, and Mrs. Herman Sinsinger, of Paducah, and Mrs. Lavinia Connor, of the city. His only son is Will, who is now dangerously ill.

The remains will be brought here for interment.

NOAH FRANKLIN

Will be Tried at This Term of Court.

The circuit have been empaneled in the circuit court at Benton, and today the case against Noah Franklin, charged with murdering Daisy Sullivan, was called.

Both sides announced ready for trial and the day has been consumed in an effort to get a jury. A jury will be hard to find.

Later.—The case was continued to Friday to get a jury.

REFORM IN EARNEST.

Collector at Nashville, Tenn., May Lose His Job.

Removed Democrats to Make Room for Republicans.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The civil service commission has ordered that the salary of Collector Nunn of Nashville be held back, because Nunn removed Democrats to make room for Republicans. The collector may lose his job.

SUPERIOR, A STATE.

The Plan to Combine Parts of Michigan and Wisconsin in a New Commonwealth.

From the New York Sun.

Heretofore states have been formed out of entire territory or out of former territories, and the last state admitted as a sovereign one, West Virginia, was created by the cession of a part of the territory of the state of Virginia. There are now two territories only awaiting admission into the Union as states—New Mexico and Arizona—and the objection to both is that they have a population in great part more suitable to admission into the Mexican republic than into the republic of the United States. By the admission of Utah into the Union in 1896 the last of the important territories was disposed of, and the last proposition seriously made for the elevation of a new American state emanates from those who propose a subdivision of the state of Michigan, which was admitted into the Union in 1837, into two states by setting apart the northern peninsula as the State of Superior. The proposal is to take the northern counties of Wisconsin and add them to the detached portion of Michigan, and include the city of Superior, near Duluth. The population of the new state would reach 500,000. The northern counties of the state of Wisconsin, and particularly those that border on Lake Michigan, have decidedly more in common with that state than they have with the southern and prairie counties of Wisconsin.

The divisional line between Michigan and Wisconsin, between Green Bay and Lake Superior, is entirely artificial. The territory on the one side is practically the same as on the other; the products are the same, the interests are the same and the means of communication with the outside world are identical. A considerable part of the population is of foreign birth, there being a large Swedish, Norwegian and Danish population and some Dutch. The state of Superior would be one of the thick parts of the country in woods and ore, and it may be, that with a separate state government its material interests would be advanced more effectively than under the present conditions. There are no political obstacles to the proposed establishment of a for-sixth state of Superior, to be made up of the northern peninsula of Michigan and some of the northern counties of Wisconsin. The whole territory is strongly Republican and both states are so strongly Republican that cutting off this territory would not in any respect affect them.

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